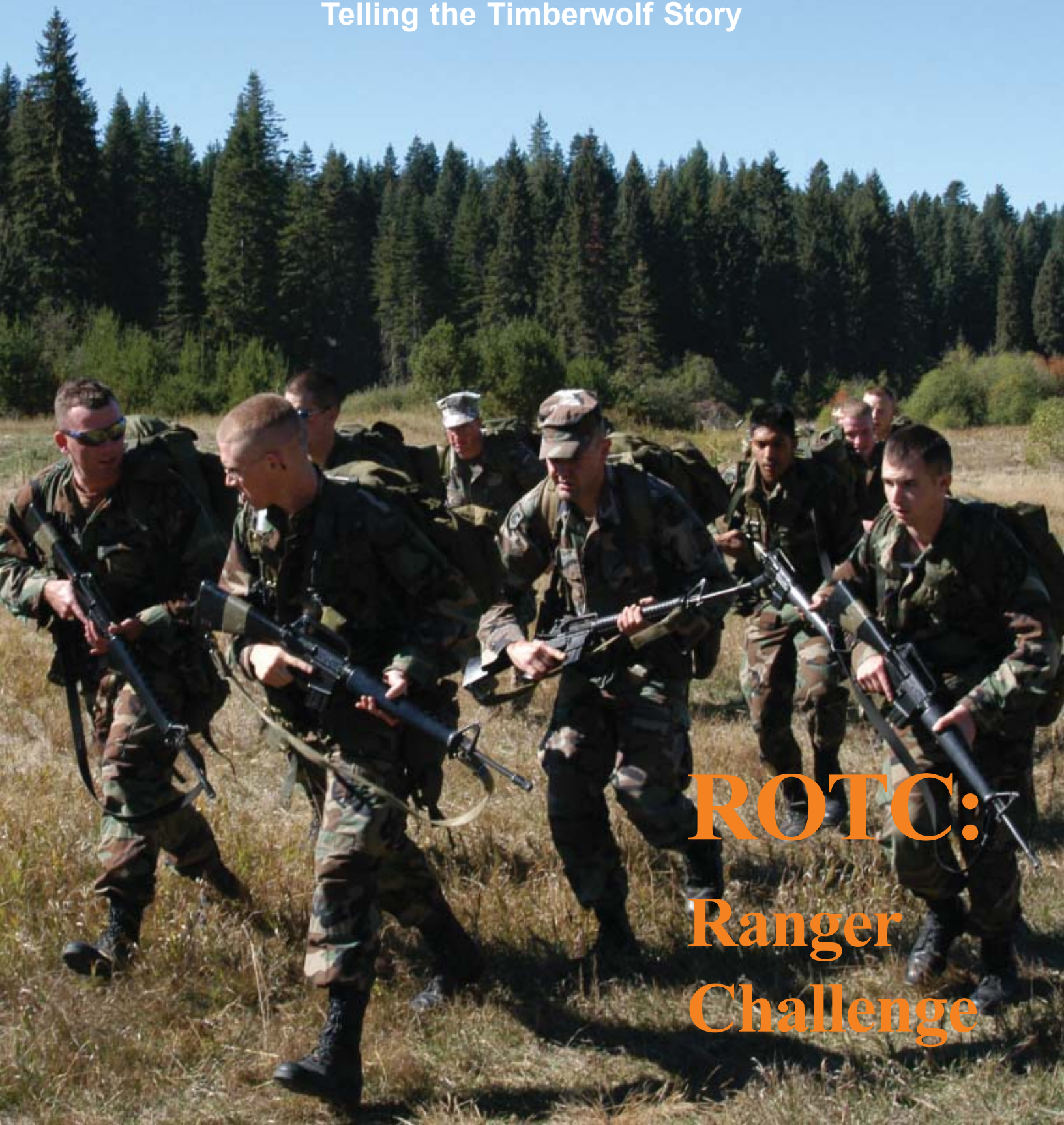


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Telling the Timberwolf Story



ROTC:
Ranger
Challenge

Command Views



Maj. Gen. T.K. Moffett
Commander, 104th Division (IT)

It seems impossible, but it has already been six months since I assumed command of the Timberwolf Division. I want to thank all of the soldiers and full time support personnel for your support during this time.

Much has happened since June 28, 2003 when I assumed command. We have two new brigade commanders, Col. J.R. Medina who assumed command of the 4th Brigade from Col. Belle Jones on November 1, and Col. Berry who assumed command of 1st Brigade from Col. Moate on December 6.

Col. Bruce Mulkey, acting commander of 8th Brigade, was selected by the command selection board to command 8th Brigade and officially assumed command on December 6. Many officers apply for brigade command, and few are chosen. I give my congratulations to Col. Medina, Col. Berry and Col. Mulkey.

Col. Jones has taken a position on the division staff of the 70th RRC, and Col. Moate has returned to the 104th division staff as the G4. Thanks to both of you for a job well done.

Let me give you a brief update on other issues:

· Vancouver Barracks – Lt. Gen. Helmly has given the division a reprieve on the planned move of the division headquarters from Vancouver barracks. He tasked the division to work with the 70th RRC to see if the Army Reserve needs and security requirements can be met on Vancouver

barracks. Lt. Col. John Craig of Salt Lake City, Utah joined the division staff in December as the new division engineer and will be leading the effort on this.

· 1st Brigade relocations – In coordination with the leadership of 1st Brigade I have directed an extensive relocation plan of the 1st Brigade battalions that will result in numerous new locations possibly including Hawaii, Guam and Alaska. The Op-ord implementing this plan is already in draft and will be issued in final form in January for implementation in February 2004.

· Fort Hunter Liggett – The division forward is well established at Fort Hunter Liggett. Lt. Col. York did an outstanding job of standing up this organization. 7th Brigade, 3rd Brigade, 4th Brigade, 5th Brigade and 1st Brigade all deployed soldiers in October to FHL to support training there. I want to

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Maj. Gen. T. K. Moffett
Commanding General
104th Division (IT)

thank all of you for a job well done. We are training America's Army for war and all of you are doing it in an outstanding manner. Thanks.

· Training guidance for FY 2005 – The draft has been done by the G3 and myself and will be published by late December. My apologies that it is so late, and I promise to have it out earlier next year. I am focusing on the individual soldier readiness of our 104th soldiers first and then the soldiers in units we support. As you know many of our soldiers are being cross-leveled daily for the war, and all of us as leaders are responsible to see

that they are ready. Please read the training guidance carefully as it contains many new initiatives including the formation of Timberwolf warrior readiness teams.

There is much that needs to be reported, but I am running out of space in this article. I am writing this on my way home from the division commanders' conference in San Diego, which was hosted by the 104th. My thanks to the command group and division staff which did a superb job.

Unfortunately, Brig. Gen. Ross, Mr. Davis, CSM Wilsdon and myself were engaged in heated discussions trying to save 104th units from going away. I need the help of every soldier in this division. If we do not bring this division to 100% strength and 85% DMOSQ in the next nine months – by October 1, 2004 – we are in serious trouble. The bottom line is that USARC is looking to reduce the DIVIT strength, and units that are under strength are targets for these cuts. We saved some structure, but the division is already in line to lose as many as 500 positions. If we fill these positions by the end of FY 2004, we may be able to get structure back.

The priority of every commander, every full time support person, and every soldier must be strength and DMOSQ. I am authorizing commanders to use AT and ADSW to put soldiers on order to recruit. In the first Brigade, we don't need initial entry soldiers; we need sergeants who are ready to go to PLDC and Drill Sergeant School.

In summary, we are a nation at war. Our mission is to provide trained and ready soldiers to meet the nation and the Army's need in this time of war. This is serious business, and I cannot think of a finer unit with which I would rather serve during this time than the 104th. Thank you all for your service. I wish you and your family a happy 2004. Let us all pray for the safety of the 104th soldiers deployed around the world as well as the safety and success of all our soldiers. And – remember – it was an Army soldier that pulled Saddam Hussein from his hole!

TIMBERWOLVES – NIGHTFIGHTERS!

T.K. Moffett
Maj. Gen.
Commanding

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Washington State's ROTC cadets hit the ground running at Camp Grizzly, Idaho. (See Ranger Challenge story, page 8).

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

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Chow is served up to a line of cold and hungry G.I.s in the frigid Belgium winter air. January 13, 1945.

Photographer unknown

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"Nothing In Hell Ever Did Stop The Timberwolves"

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What's News

Starting with this issue the Wolf Print will be published every three months. This newspaper is designed for all the members of the 104th. There will be articles of interest which will span the range of the men and women in the Division. The paper has been expanded in order to inform the readers of what's going on. We, the staff, hope that you will read and enjoy the Wolf Print.

If you or your unit has any information which you consider worthy for consideration, please send it to the Information Office, Building 987, Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, WA 98660. Along with the information, enclose any pictures if possible. Be sure that the names of people, unit information and the activity being depicted are included. We cannot promise that every article will be published in the paper. However, each article which is submitted will be carefully considered on the basis of interest, appropriateness, and quality.



FULL PX PRIVILEGES DURING RESERVE DRILLS. Army Reservists in Post Exchange facilities are becoming a common sight. Recent change in policy authorizes Reservists full PX and commissary privileges during training assemblies.

More Than Just A Soldier

Being an Army Reservist is more than just being a soldier twice a month. It also means volunteering your time and energies to local community projects. One such project is the 1973 Oregon Handicapped Olympics held recently at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Oregon.

Nine members of the Leadership Academy, 104th Division (Inf), assisted Park Bureau Coordinator, Miller Ryan, during the day's activities.

Reservists assisted over 100 handicapped children and adults through obstacle courses, bowling, a softball

throw, and other events. They performed tasks such as setting up pins, retrieving softballs, and tying the participants. Ribbons were awarded to the top three finishers in each event. At the end of the day all participants had earned at least one ribbon.

For lunch, the Reservists collected hamburgers, soft drinks, and pies which had been donated by a local restaurant.

Everyone finished the day in a joyful frame of mind. No less was the morale of the Reservists, who were happy that they had been able to help.

Women rank on Army Reserve

Women with civilian experience in a number of fields, including medical, secretarial and data processing, can now join the Army Reserve at a higher rank and more pay than before. At the same time, they will spend less time on active duty for training than previously required.

In a new policy announced by the Pentagon, women without prior service, who have a civilian acquired skill in any one of numerous fields, are eligible for this new enlistment program if they are between the ages of 18 and 35, and are high school graduates.

Instead of entering the Army Reserve as a private, the women can join as a private first class, two grades higher than usual.

Those women who join under this enlistment opportunity will serve only two weeks at the Women's Army Corps Center and School at Ft. McChesne, Ala., instead of the seven weeks required in

the past. The rest of their basic training will take place with their Army Reserve unit in their hometown. Following completion of basic training, the women will be promoted one, or two pay grades in Specialist 4 or Specialist 5, or sergeant. As a sergeant, a woman would earn \$51.28 a weekend, or \$3.30 an hour.

Although there are many job titles that fall under this program, there are special needs in the medical field for licensed practical or vocational nurses; x-ray technicians, dental specialists, occupational therapists and laboratory technicians; in the secretarial field for executive and legal secretaries; and in the area of data processing and computer programming.

Local Army Reserve units, listed in the white pages of the telephone directory under "US Government" can provide additional information for these women interested in this special enlistment program.

AF News Service

2nd Brigade Picks Top Sgt.

Sergeant First Class Roger Grove has been selected as Second Brigade Drill Sergeant of the year. Drill Sergeant Grove is assigned to Headquarters Detachment, Second Brigade, located in Pasco, Washington. He was also selected as one of three enlisted men to meet and discuss the Army Reserve with Army Chief of Staff, Coughlin Abrams during Annual Training at Fort Ord.

It might be noted that Grove's brother, Jim, was also selected for the same honor during his six-year Army career, and his father, Ed Grove, also earned the same distinction during his term in the service. SFC Grove and his wife, Janet, reside in Pasco where he is a farm manager.



SSG Robert Wright checks vehicle during 7,003 mile marathon.

Keep on Truckin'

"How did all our stuff get here?" is a typical question asked by TIMBERWOLVES during Annual Training. Sergeants. Two of our guys brought it down. Sample, that is, unless you are Staff Sergeant Robert Wright or Specialist 4 David Guisden. These two men, both truck drivers in civilian life, transported all 104th Division

impediments to Fort Ord this year! Quite a chore when you think about it.

But one thing stands out above all for SSG Wright and SP4 Guisden. They drove a total 7,003 miles during 26 days without an accident or traffic ticket.

The Reserve Keeps on Truckin'.

Guest Editorial:

By Staff Sgt. Mary Jean Dowell, G6, 104th Division (IT)

Gasp!

Thump! It's that familiar sound a jaw makes as it hits the floor, followed by an "Oh my gosh, I can't believe they printed those pictures".

It echoed throughout the Public Affairs Office during the December drill, just as I'm sure it's echoing throughout USAR centers at this very moment.

November 2003, or the closest edition thereof, marks the 30th anniversary of the WolfPrint. The below photo and caption was featured in the first edition of the Wolfprint. Really!

Gasp! Thump! There's that sound again.

And the story was written and released by the official military wire service of the time, the Armed Forces News



READ the fine print as well as the headlines. The hidden clause in a contract could come as a surprise after you've signed a hastily scanned paper. Just as you scrutinized actress Michelle Carey above, give those contracts your full attention.

AF Photo Service

Source: 1973 Wolf Print

Change of the guard

Journalism revolution and 30 years of changes mark new day for Army and women in coverage

Service. My how things have changed in 30 years, both in the Wolfprint, in the Army, and in society. We may long for the good ol' days, but were they really so good? Gone from newspapers of those days are the unibrow male editors, smoke filled offices with ashtrays spilling onto the floor, and clipart of cleavage and provocative poses.

As the Army has changed, so has Army publishing. Many of us remember those PS Preventative Maintenance monthly comic books featuring the blond bombshell, drawn complete with a Barbie doll's anatomically impossible figure, and wardrobe selected from the pages of a trucker's calendar. PS Monthly still exists, only today's editions are filled equally with men, anatomically possible women, and cartoon characters of talking nuts and bolts.

Only 20 years ago, the army was teaching soldiers that it was inappropriate to make catcalls to women as they walked down the street. Was the Army leading or reflecting the message? Either way, the message was heard, and throughout streets in every city in America, catcalls stopped, and so did other forms of overt sexual harassment.

Only 10 years ago the army was teaching that unit hazing, sexual innuendoes, and dirty jokes, all in the name of fun were not so fun. Again, did the Army

change with the times, or did the Army make the times change?

Newsrooms and Public Affairs Offices are only barometers of the times. The truth is, it is the members of that society that create the values that are reflected on the pages within. The values of the soldiers have changed, and following within that morale standard, so has the Army evolved.

And so it is today, that as male and female soldiers each see the photo of yesteryear, we all have the same reaction, a gasp, a thump, and finally a chuckle. And it is this reaction that demonstrates that as a society, we have finally evolved to a time where opinions of women are based on their personality, intellect and professional merits. A time where women are not graded as sex-objects, and scored according to their figure and wardrobe. Who was that neanderthal that created the 1979 movie "10" anyway.

Today's male soldiers should be commended for their enlightenment. Today's man accepts woman in the Army as a co-worker. Not because he was told to, but because it's the only thing he knows. For 25 years women have been incorporated into the US Army; so for most soldiers it is only natural to have women side-by-side with men in foxholes. And for 25 years, women have struggled to be seen as



DON'T WASTE your bait when the sign says "No Fishing!" It may not be a misdemeanor—instead it could be your death if the stream or pond is polluted. Pamela Thomasson of Sunken Gardens, Fla. has the basic equipment and the signs look right for a big catch.

AF Photo Service

Source: 1973 Wolf Print

equals as soldiers. Oh, of course, the army has always recognized the physical differences between men and women, and made accommodations accordingly. But the desired recognition was not an equal number on a PT test. The desired recognition was to simply be seen as "A good soldier who does a good job and makes this unit a better place because of her contribution."

Today's Man stands with pride and walks fully erect, knowing that his knuckles no longer drag the ground and that he's evolved to the highest level of political correctness: He has the same reaction to a sexual situation as a woman. In today's army, women really do have equality, and men really have changed. If you doubt me, just answer, "What was your reaction to the above photo?"

Soldier on the street

**“In two printable words, what was going through
Saddam Hussein’s mind last night?” -- Taken 12/14, one day after....**

**Nurse Detachment, 5th Brigade,
104th Division (IT), Pasadena, Calif.:**

***Photos and quotes provided by
Sgt. Jared Zabaldo, Division PAO***



**Maj. Shelly
Burdette-Taylor**

“Finally.”



**Master Sgt.
Jimmy Sandoval**

“Ah shucks!”



**Spc. Arturo
Frescas**

“Who told?”



Spc. William Dix

**“Freakin’
America!”**



**1st Lt. Theresa A.
Peters**

“Done Deal.”



**Sgt. 1st Class
James Garrett**

“Oh God.”



**Sgt. 1st Class
Truman Kiley**

“Oh Darn!”



**Lt. Col. Marilyn
M. Fisher**

“Finally.”



**Sgt. James
Konoske**

“Bummer dude!”



**Capt. Gregory
Ulma**

“Steel bars.”



**Sgt. 1st Class
Celia Reyes**

“It’s over.”



**Master Sgt.
Michael Toney**

“Holy cow!”



**Sgt. Christine
Mills**

“Ah shucks.”



Sgt. Jeff Riedel

“It’s over.”



**Sgt. Belvia
Jenkins**

“Oh #*@\$!”

A Christmas treat for 3rd Brigade

Deployed soldiers' families honored in special event

*By Captain Rodrigo R. Gonzalez,
Division PAO*

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash. --

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 104th Division (IT) had its holiday party on December 7, 2003 at the Masonic Lodge #4 here, hosted by the Job's Daughters of Bethel #38.

The Job's Daughter's donated their time and funds to host and cater the entire Holiday Party.

The planning for the Holiday Party started in September and was headed up by Brigade Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Michael Sanders.

"FSG's (Family Readiness Group) are always a challenge," said Sanders. "We wanted to look outside the organization and in the community for a group that would like to help us through community service, organizations like the Boy Scouts, Elks, or Eagles.

"I believe it would be great for this type of civic organization to adopt a unit in this way," said Sanders.

"The Job's Daughters is a female non-profit youth organization that teaches young girls how to become responsible young women through civic service," said Darla Haynes, former president and member of Job's Daughter's.

"We just wanted to show our appreciation to the soldiers and their families," said Haynes.

The Holiday Party was provided at no cost to soldiers and families and included a buffet of finger foods and sweets treats before the main course.

While soldiers and family members enjoyed their meals, the Commander of 3rd Brigade, Col. Nick P. Tooliatos, greeted everyone and welcomed them to the Holiday Party.

Tooliatos presented the Legion of Merit to Sergeant Major (retired) Thomas L. Voight for his years of dedicated service to the U.S. Army.



Photo provided by Capt. Rodrigo R. Gonzalez, Division PAO

The Job's Daughters of Bethel served up soldiers and families from 3rd Brigade. The no cost party sponsored by the Daughters included a visit from Santa.

Staff Sgt. Mark Howard was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

The guest of honor for the day was Mrs. Jessica Day, spouse of Staff Sgt. Marc Day, deployed to Iraq. Earlier this year, Day was injured by enemy action, but recovered from his wounds. He is expected to return home in December.

Tooliatos presented Mrs. Day with a Commander's Coin for Excellence for the strength and perseverance she and her young children have shown during the difficult separation.

"I know it has been a very tough time," said Tooliatos after presentation, "For Jessica and the family. But the Brigade soldiers have done a lot to try to make sure she knows she and Marc are still part of our family."

Tooliatos indicated that in July, a work party from HHC went out to the Days' home and helped with numerous yard and maintenance projects, and that recently, Capt. Kyiersty Tingley had taken

the children for a day so Jessica could have some time to herself.

"We are all looking forward to Staff Sgt. Day's return, but certainly no one more than Jessica," said Tooliatos.

Tooliatos' wife, Joanie, presented gifts to all of the Job's Daughters who helped and hosted the Holiday Party.

Tooliatos thanked the Job's Daughters and presented each one of them with a Brigade Leadership coin as a small token of the unit's appreciation. He then ended his speech by leading the soldiers and families in singing some Christmas carols and finished by singing the Army Song.

The children were then treated by a visit from Santa Claus who handed out presents provided by the Job's Daughters and took Christmas wishes from all the children.

Division Commander, Maj. Gen. T.K. Moffett, and part of his staff also paid the unit a visit and took the opportunity to talk to soldiers and their families.

ROTC Cadets face unexpected test at 2003 “Ranger Challenge”

8th Brigade’s ROTC affiliation important 104th Division (IT) story

**By Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson,
Division PAO**

This is a story that has a surprise ending, but how I get to that ending is the real story. It is a story about a Timberwolf officer who is as comfortable riding a horse as he is looking after his ROTC cadets, and it is a story about a dedicated team of Washington State University ROTC cadets who made some big sacrifices and gave their all to participate in the annual Palouse region Ranger Challenge.

But how they ultimately ended up competing in the Challenge is not the big story. Instead, I will follow their preparation for the event from early Saturday through Sunday afternoon, 27-28 September. And the reader will come to realize that this is just one of many stories of unknown champions and adventures that makes Timberwolf country a great place to serve in the Army Reserve.

I drove down through the windswept lands of eastern Washington to Pullman on the 27th of September at the invitation of Major Bob Isenberg, who instructs various subjects at Washington State University, home of the great Cougar football team, the defending PAC 10 champions. Isenberg, a 104th Division (IT) soldier out of the division’s 8th Brigade, is a Recruiting and Operations Officer, and he is just one of a number of Timberwolf officers affiliated with regional university ROTC cadet programs.

Among the primary subjects he teaches at WSU are “Overview of the Army,” “The Army Profession, Military Customs and Traditions,” “Leadership, Values and Ethics,” “Land Navigation,” and “Hand to

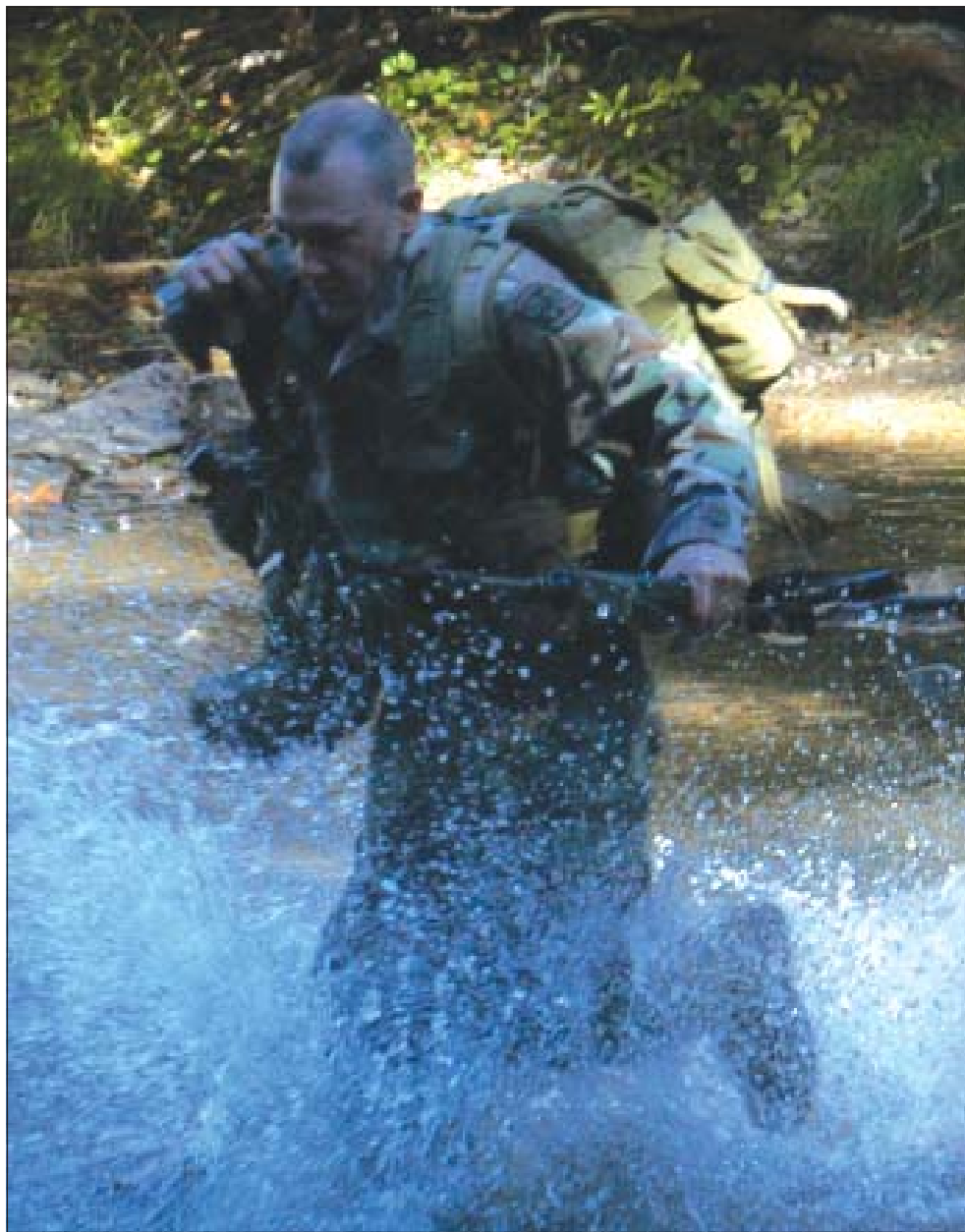


Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Cadet Dale Wright splashes across Palouse River at Camp Grizzly, Idaho. Crossing last, Wright secured rope bridge lines and hurried over to Alpha team.

Hand Combativeness.” He also, in his ROTC capacity, teaches many smaller blocks of instruction in leadership and the Seven Army Values.

At the same time he teaches at the university, he also spends time mentoring the men and

women who serve in the school’s ROTC program, as well as helping to recruit new cadet candidates who are looking for ways to finance their college education and eventually serve in the military. Then, he turns around and recruits many of these newly-commissioned officers



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

8th Brigade's Maj. Bob Isenberg, ROTC recruiting and operations officer at Washington State University.

back into the 104th Division (IT), knowing that because the division is non-branch specific in its staffing requirements, these new officers will find a comfortable army home.

On Saturday morning at 1000 hours, I attached myself to the Alpha Men's ROTC Ranger Challenge team as they met for a rucksack weigh-in and PT session. The cadet A-Team consisted of team leader Nathan Costa, and team members Dale Wright, Colin Thorne, Brad Holsinger, Nick Winters, Deonand Singh, Ivan Brooks, Matthew Peterson, and Roy Murray.

This initial rucksack weigh-in was just the start of many such weigh-ins that left me wondering if no scale remained untouched in the entire Palouse region by the following day. The problem facing the cadets was the 40-lb rucksack minimum weight required in the Challenge. The trick is to make minimum weight, but also to keep the load as light as possible because of the rigorous physical

demands of the event course. So if the ruck weighs just a pound or two more than the minimum, it is a huge advantage on the Challenge course.

Team members experimented with everything from free weights and rocks to creative commodities such as bags of rice or bottles of Gatorade, but because the rucks are also weighed at the end of the Challenge, weight items cannot be consumed along the way.

Following the weigh-in, Alpha Team ran some laps around the WSU track and then broke up for a couple of hours of free time before the actual event kick-off at 1400. I took this time to talk to team member Cadet Major Dale Wright, who is a former Timberwolf soldier recruited by Isenberg to complete his Business Degree at WSU through army funding, and also participate in ROTC to obtain his officer's commission.

Wright said that participation in Ranger Challenge is voluntary, and that the cadets who choose to compete in it will incur a number of hardships that make participation challenging. For one thing, said Wright, Ranger Challenge cadets must attend five weekday mornings of training before their university classes begin, and two afternoons

as well. They end up performing 11 hours of training per week, vs. 3 hours for "normal" cadets. Ranger Challenge cadets begin planning and participating in the exercise at the beginning of their fall semester in August, and any university or ROTC class time that is lost because of event preparation must be made up on the cadet's own time.

However, said Wright, Ranger Challenge cadets also gain some perks from participation in the event. Among those benefits are an enhancement of status within ROTC and a better ranking on the Order of Merit List, which can lead to a better chance to secure the branch of their choice upon commissioning.

Getting back to Saturday morning, when I met up with Alpha Team again at 1400 they were in BDU's and going through another rucksack weigh-in and issue of MRE's. The afternoon temperatures were already up to an unseasonal mid-80's, and the dusty parking lot looked like a staging area for the Normandy Invasion, with ropes and various pieces of tactical equipment lying around. Soon after comparing exciting details about creative rucksack loading, the cadets boarded busses bound for Moscow, Idaho and the University of



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Initial ruck weigh-in at expansive Washington State University field house. Rucks were weighted down to meet the 40 pound minimum requirement.

Idaho campus, which would be their staging place for the event.

Upon arrival at UI, we were staring up at an impossibly HUGE structure called the Kibbie Dome, which was going to be Ranger Challenge home base overnight. Once inside, looking down on the dome floor, cadets looked like ants milling around. But the ants were still outside. Inside were male and female soldiers who were gearing up for a difficult test of their strength and powers of endurance. The football field-sized floor was divided up into three areas for the three different participating schools, Washington State, University of Idaho, and Gonzaga University.

Once the cadets were settled in and rucksacks weighed yet again, by this time the 50th time, everyone was herded outside for a Blackhawk helicopter loading class on the soccer field outside the Kibbie Dome. Two Blackhawks purred outside, and soon the cadets were jumping in and out of the helicopters in various defensive postures, which meant holding their arms out to imitate being armed with M-16's. Of course safety was the overall concern, but this did not prevent some AlphaTeam members from being nearly crushed by overzealous fellow cadets jumping out of the Blackhawks.

As evening approached, the Ranger Challenge teams made plans for supper. Different teams broke up into small groups, and most, disdaining the MRE experience, opted for restaurant or super-market runs. AlphaTeam's Wright made a dash for Winco Foods to stockpile supplies of Gatorade and Trail Mix. It was evident that survival at any cost was on the agenda, but I was thinking that if the 1846 Donner Party would have been half as smart and prepared as these cadets were for their ordeal, the wagon party would have arrived in Sacramento with arms and legs intact.

The balance of the evening before lights out consisted of more packing and unpacking, more

rucksack weighing, by this time up to around the 80th time, and preparation for receiving the Op Order. Alpha Team in the meantime had discovered that there was an undiscovered scale back in the secret passageways of the Kibbie Dome, so a recon was made to find and utilize this possibly more accurate scale, even if it meant only a one or two-pound edge. The scene of these cadets clad in sweaty T-shirts scrambling around the scale in the semi-dark was a scene stolen right out of *Das Boot*, but without the bombs, flooding and U-boat odors.

While team members dressed down and prepared their beds on the dome floor, the Op Order was given to team leaders, and then A-Team huddled and discussed final preps for the morning, which would arrive all too soon at 0500. Straps were fastened, duct tape wrapped, rucksack items packed, unpacked, unfolded and refolded, blisters pampered, strategies gone over, and anticipation hovered around the vast dome like a fog cloud.

First Call arrived as soon as the cadets closed their eyes to sleep, and then the teams were packed up and fed, waiting for the event to kick off. An opening ceremony at 0630 included a brief address from LTC Arnzen, OIC of the event, and then the first teams began to assemble outside for their Blackhawk trip to Camp Grizzly,

which was in the mountains approximately one hour east of UI.

Isenberg, in the meantime, was outside hosting family members who had come to watch their sons or daughters deploy on the Blackhawks. He set up a tailgate buffet of coffee and doughnuts in the parking lot and affably answered questions about the ROTC program and Ranger Challenge, while handing out his card and making suggestions about how best to view the event at Camp Grizzly. It was plain to me that Isenberg loves his job as an instructor, but also that he is a consummate officer-soldier, enthused about the adventure and excitement that a competition such as Ranger Challenge offers to the young cadets under his charge.

Isenberg began his career as an enlisted soldier at Fort Ord, CA in 1975. He then spent time serving as a Military Policeman in Savannah, GA, Germany, and Ft Hood, TX. In 1979 he left active duty and transferred to the California Army National Guard, and then later, in 1988, to the Army Reserve. He picked up his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1985 and came to the 104th Division (TNG) in 1988. He was promoted to Major in 1997, and has been assigned to the Timberwolves' 8th Brigade since June, 2002.

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8th Brigade ROTC Instructor Recruitment Notice:

Army Reserve E-8's, Captains and Majors who are interested in serving as Assistant Professors of Military Science at ROTC-affiliated universities around the 104th Division's Region G should contact Captain Gary Ross at HQ, 8th Brigade,

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Blackhawk sortie arrives from University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome. Ranger Challenge starts for Alpha team when cadets hit the ground at Camp Grizzly.

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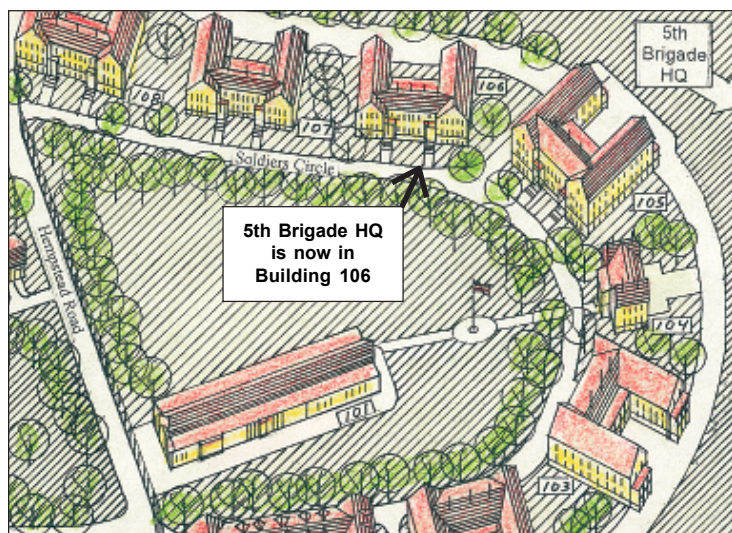
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CORRECTION: Fort Douglas map, which ran in September 2003 Wolf Print. Depiction neglected to recognize 5th Brigade's recent relocation onto the historic compound.

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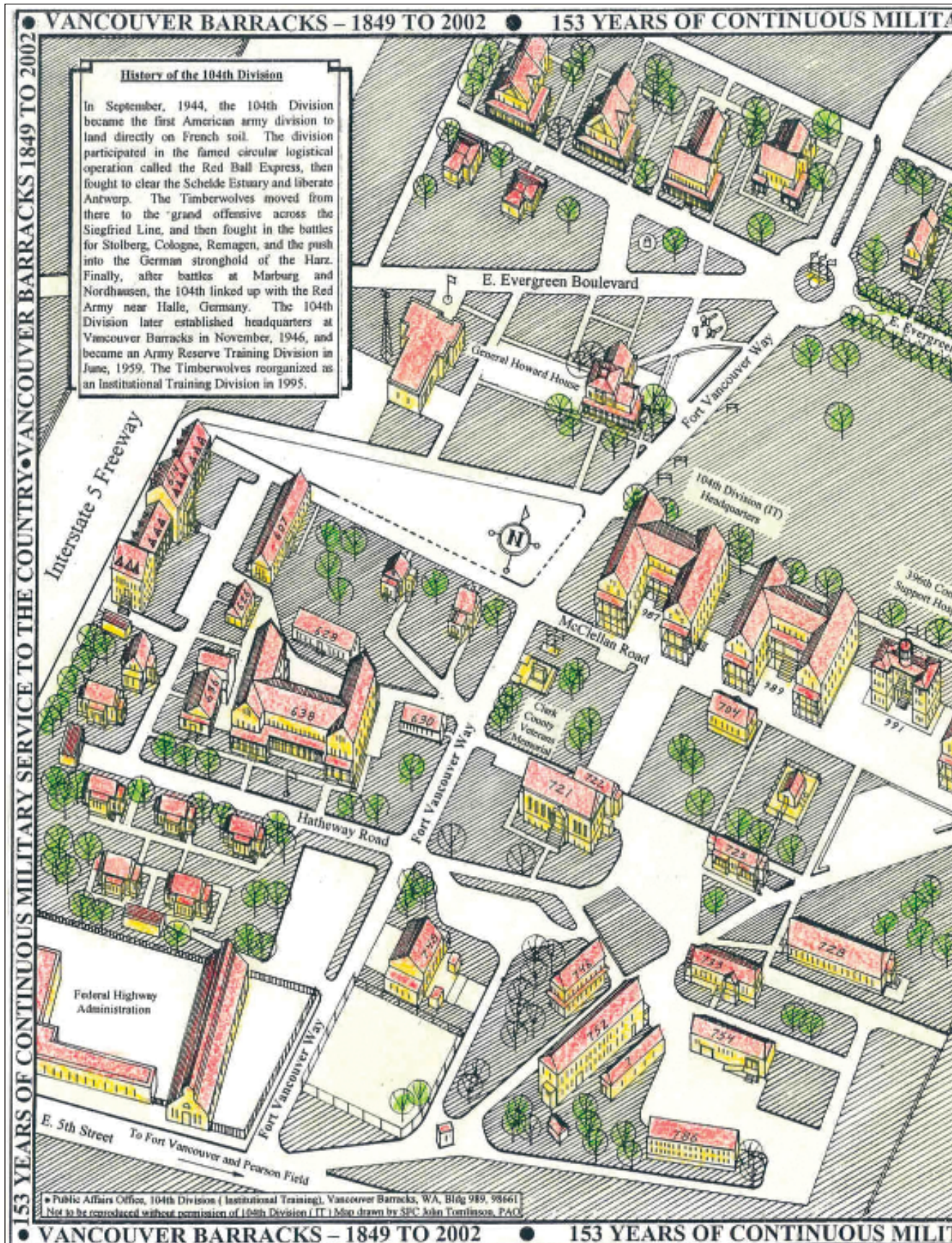
ADSW soldiers eligible for DD214 Forms:

According to Bruce Elliott, 104th Division (IT) Human Resources Specialist, many soldiers who have completed extended tours of 90 days or more may not know that they qualify to document their tour with a DD Form 214 or DD 215 Form (Correction).

Elliott said that the first rule about obtaining a DD214 or DD215 is for soldiers to contact their unit administrators for assistance. But as a guideline, he added that this is what they will need to complete the forms:

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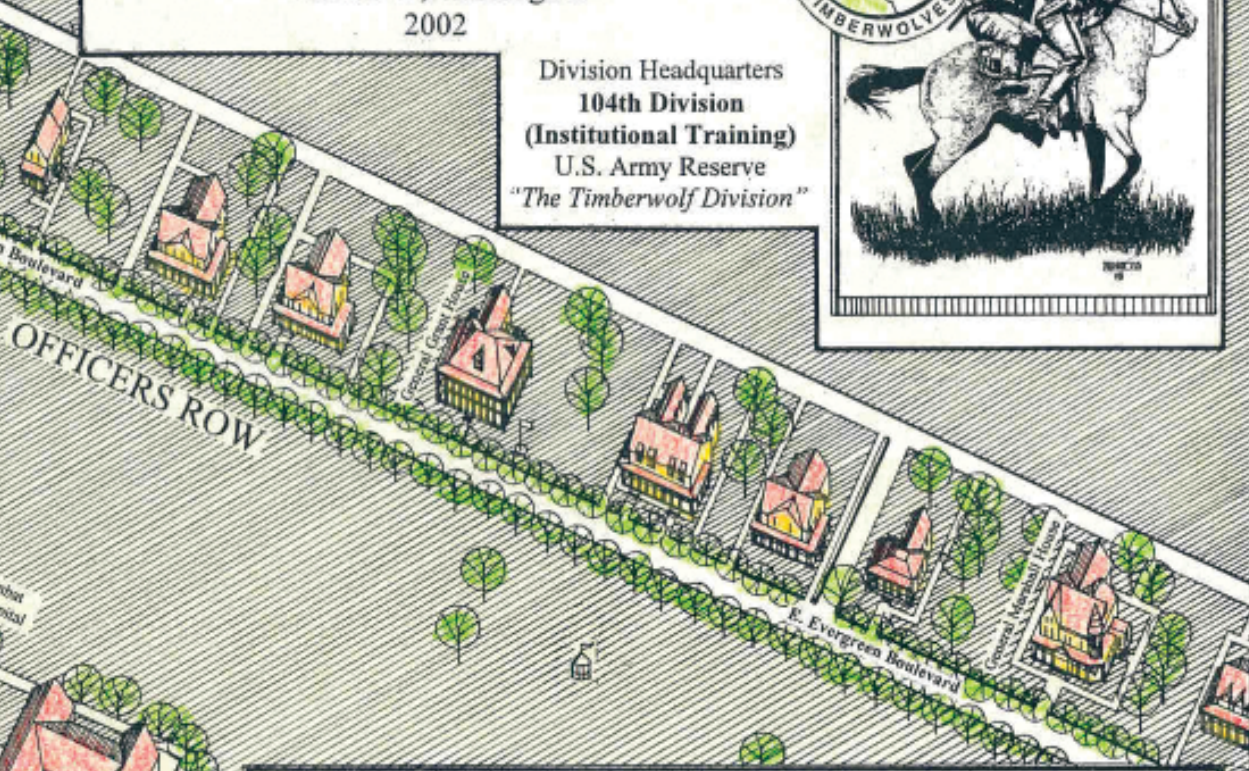
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Vancouver Barracks

The U.S. Army established Vancouver Barracks in 1849 after the division of the Oregon Country in 1846. It became the army's principle administrative center for the Pacific Northwest until WWI, after which it became an important recruitment and training center. Between the two world wars, Vancouver Barracks was active with voluntary military training programs, and over the years many important and historic army officers were stationed here, including Phillip Sheridan, Ulysses S. Grant, O. O. Howard, George C. Marshall, and Omar Bradley.

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

In 1818, the United States and Great Britain agreed to share access to the Oregon Country until they could establish a boundary line. In 1825, the Hudson's Bay Company moved from its location at the mouth of the Columbia River to the present location of the restored Fort Vancouver. It quickly became the fur trade capital of the entire Pacific coast. American settlers began arriving by the 1830's, and the influx resulted in the 1846 division of the Oregon Country along the 49th parallel. The decision stranded Fort Vancouver on American soil, and the Hudson's Bay Company gradually withdrew as trade diminished. By 1866, all of the fort's original structures had vanished. The restored fort can be visited today from Vancouver Barracks by taking E. 5th Street east from Fort Vancouver Way.

Pearson Field and Air Museum

Pearson Field is the oldest continually operating airfield in the United States, and dates from the first aerial crossing of the Columbia River in 1905 by the blimp, Gelatin, which landed on the polo grounds of Vancouver Barracks. In 1925, the field was named Pearson Field after the famed local pilot LT Alexander Pearson who, in 1919, had won an air race from New York to San Francisco in just over 48 hours. Pearson later flew the first commissioned aerial survey of the Grand Canyon. The Army Air Service established a forest patrol base here in 1921, and the original West Coast airmail service stopped here. Pacific Air Transport and Varney Airlines, who used the field, later merged to become United Air Lines. In June, 1937, Soviet Russia's ANT-25 airplane completed the world's first transpolar air mission from Moscow to Pearson Field. The field and museum are located on E. 5th Street east of Fort Vancouver.

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From Vancouver Barracks

Engineer Detachment soldier-instructor creates historic new M.O.S. course

Engineer training at Camp Grafton, N.D. combines three MOS's into one

**By Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson,
Division PAO**

If all the information on each 104th Division (IT) unit mission was gathered into an encyclopedic book, it would take forever to read about everything the division accomplishes, but readers would also be astonished to find out how many different and interesting soldier stories there are around Timberwolf country.

Just one of those remarkable stories, among hundreds of others, is about Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Meyer, a member of the 1041st Training Detachment (ENG) out of Sioux Falls, S.D. Meyer, over a relatively short amount of time, has almost single-handedly developed a new 21T MOS qualification course at Camp Grafton, which is a National Guard Training facility for soldier engineers in central North Dakota.

The new training course takes three previous separate MOS's,



Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Meyer, instructor with the 1041st Engineer Detachment, Sioux Falls, S.D., sites on survey target in the sub-zero December air.

51G, 82B and 81D, and combines them into one all-encompassing MOS of 21T. Whereas soldiers previously were trained as individual surveyors, drafters, and

materials testers, now just one soldier is trained to perform all three disciplines. According to Meyer, so few soldiers are required now for this newly-efficient MOS, and because of its high technicality, the course is only taught to active duty soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and to National Guard and Reserve soldiers at Camp Grafton, N.D.

Meyer, as course manager, practically owns this new 21T series of classes, as he manages all the equipment for the course, and he has developed all of its training and scheduling. Meyer said that he "takes full responsibility for its successes and challenges alike," even though it has taken a huge toll of time and effort away from his civilian professional life back home in Melrose, Minn.

Each phase of the class is two weeks long, and each phase is taught back-to-back throughout the year. Thus far this year, Meyer has completed his second cycle of classes (12 weeks total), and he is



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Meyer instructs compact soil sampling through the use of a hand-held auger.

scheduled for 13 weeks of instruction in FY '04. When at Camp Grafton, he directly participates in his courses either as a primary or assistant instructor, according to class needs at the time.

While Meyer is concerned mostly with the direct training of soldiers at Camp Grafton, he is also concerned with creating a situation "where new instructors can come in and step into the training conditions we have created. We had to learn to teach this material and bring the level of instruction up to the current level of expertise, but if for some reason we have to go away, new instructors can take over without a lot of effort. So we have created a user-friendly series of classes that will easily accommodate new instructors, and we are always looking for new instructors who can, by the way, live anywhere they want to. They won't be restricted to living here in North Dakota just because they teach here," Meyer said.

Meyer also mentioned that Camp Grafton is trying to develop a new course in Bituminous Paving, but the only current expert in the Army who can help develop the course is an active duty NCO stationed at Fort Leonard Wood who will soon be retiring. "We have been trying to get AT funding so I can consult with this sergeant before he leaves the army, but so far it hasn't happened," Meyer said.

Meyer's Timberwolf unit, the 1041st Engineer Detachment also has a big job out at Camp Grafton and around Region G. Their primary mission is Combat Engineer Training (CET) around the 12 western states and their secondary

mission is to support the North Dakota National Guard's Regional Training Institute, which is based at Camp Grafton. Timberwolf instructors travel routinely around the region to teach soldiers at training sites as diverse as Salt Lake City, Utah, Billings, Mont., Fort Meade, S.D., Boise, Idaho and Vallejo, Calif. 104th Division (IT) instructors at Camp Grafton teach

Instructors also teach how to run soils engineering tests for site selection, and site investigation by digging holes and collecting soil samples. These tests might include Atterberg limit tests, compaction tests and strength tests, he said.

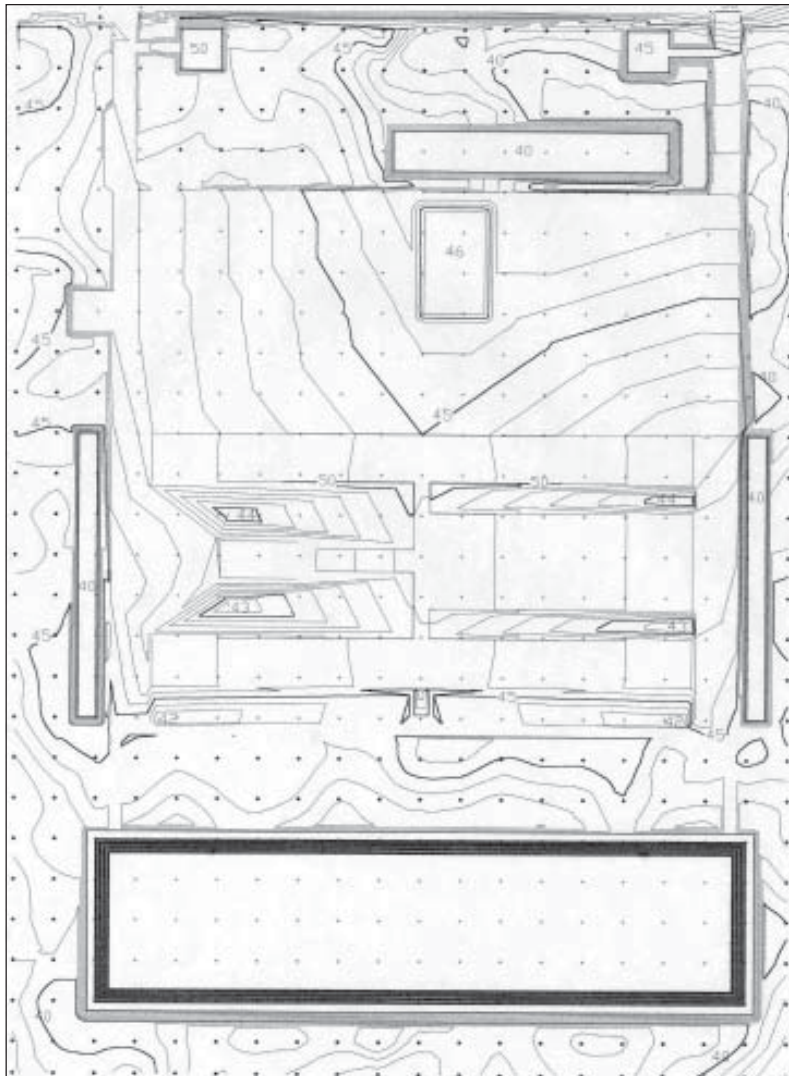
Meyer said that on top of that, engineer students will also be required to learn surveying and autocad drafting skills, so the

entire MOS qualifying course is concentrated into two-week blocks which can be taught over a series of months or years. That way, National Guard and Reserve soldiers can graduate from the course in more-convenient two-week increments of AT.

Nearly all Army Reservists have lives of their own which are just as interesting or more interesting than their Army duties, and Meyer is no exception. He owns a farm in Melrose, which is a five-hour drive from Camp Grafton. His wife, Rita, on top of helping to manage the farm, also has a side business in resort marketing. They are raising three children, and Meyer also owns an Agricultural Engineering consulting business, which ties together his personal interests of farming and surveying.

Meyer's great-grandfather founded

the nearby town of Meier Grove in 1856, and Meyer's farm homestead dates to two years later, 1858. He grew up across the road at an adjacent family farm, and in 1997-98 he restored his father's former house to a pristine remodeled interior condition, though the



Map by Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Meyer, 1041st Training Detachment

As a civilian engineering consultant, Meyer converts data from surveys and site recons into detailed topographical site plan charts for local clients' construction projects, as shown above.

up to 90% of all Army Reserve and National Guard engineer courses.

Engineering courses taught around the region and at Camp Grafton are surprisingly varied and detailed in their scope. For instance, according to Meyer, the Materials Testing course teaches the testing of plastic (wet) concrete, and hardened (cured) concrete.

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Nurse Det soldier stands tall

Photo by Sgt. Jared Zabaldo, Division PAO

Sgt. Jeff Riedel (left), Nurse Detachment NCOIC instructor for 4th Brigade's Nurse Detachment in Pasadena, Calif., teaches the finer points of combat lifesaving to fellow Nurse Det soldier Sgt. 1st Class Truman Kiley.

**By Sgt. Jared Zabaldo,
Division PAO**

He's not a daredevil, although if you sneaked a peek from his photo album – actually a disheveled heap of mismatched photographs – you might guess otherwise. I mean, how many people do you know who jump out of airplanes? Really? Or drive through the Canadian and Alaskan wildernesses in the middle of winter in an old two-wheel drive pickup truck – *alone*? Huh?

I mean, if someone openly admits, unsolicited, that they had always wanted to be a superhero, can you *not* be a daredevil by nature? Isn't that an oxymoron or something, whatever that means?

But that's what he'd have you believe. And the prima facie case of Sgt. Jeff Riedel – that is the basic, plain, observable, judgeable, at-first-glance first impression you have about this soon to be staff

sergeant – supports his contention. He definitely doesn't look like Superman or Aquaman or even that Wondertwin that always turned himself into a bucket of water for some reason. Riedel, NCOIC instructor with 5th Brigade's Nurse Detachment in Pasadena, Calif., site, in fact, is prima facie ordinary. He's your average soldier that just happens to be extraordinary in every way unobservable at first glance.

"I'm not the standout joker," said Riedel, seated behind one of many tables in the upstairs of the old two-story Pasadena Reserve center that also houses the 4th Brigade's 7-104th Transportation Battalion. "I'm not the guy who puts on the super EMT costume either."

That is, at least as far as we can verify.

He is a guy, however, who brings incredible passion to his work. A soldier who gives more

than his duty day, not because he's compelled to, to simply finish a job – a practice that while effective is likely done only begrudgingly – but rather because he values the product. A job which is, on the other hand, done willingly, born out of some sense of care and responsibility. And while the naturally humble soldier shifts uncomfortably with the burden of selection for recognition, with some prodding he does offer up insights.

"Ever since I was a kid, I've wanted to save the world," said Riedel. "You know the superhero thing. I've collected comic books like you wouldn't believe, you know, but I never got my super powers by the time I turned 18, so I joined the Army, or something."

Riedel, a former Boy Scout, is as open and honest as you might expect any decent kid to be. And completely comfortable with his history, even his failures are unguarded.



Photo provided by
Sgt. Jeff Riedel

Daredevil Riedel has spent 10 years in the military and 7 in the Army Reserve.

"I got up to Life," said Riedel, as if he was guilty of some terrible crime. "I didn't make my Eagle."

"That's like one of my big regrets not finishing that

out," said Riedel, apparently oblivious that most kids never got past "Webelos" badge.

"I guess I was a rebel a bit," said Riedel, attempting to pioneer new boundaries for the word.

"But it's just one of those things," said Riedel, searching for the words to finish his earlier thought, "Where I always have to feel as if I'm doing something that's benefiting the world or mankind or whatever. That's basically it, I think, at the core. I always have to feel that what I do matters."

And it's believable, because it *does* matter considering the context of the Nurse Detachment's mission within the Division.

The 104th Division (IT), as one of the Army's schoolhouses turns Army students into MOS qualified soldiers with a multitude of critical skills. Arguably, none more important than the crucial lifesaving medical skills being taught by the soldiers in this special little unit in 5th Brigade.

"I mean we're teaching 11 Bravos how to give IV's on the battlefield," said Riedel, getting slightly fired up, a trait he seemingly tries to play down. "That's pretty important."

And, indeed, with the Army climate as it is and deployments abounding, the Nurse Detachment's

mission is as critical as ever. Its primary mission, however, is not simply teaching infantrymen how to save lives, its turning 91B Medics and 91C LPNs – "licensed practical nurses" – into 91W Medical Specialists.

Basically just better trained, more up-to-date medics, said Riedel, himself an LVN – licensed vocational nurse – at a VA hospital in Long Beach, Calif., in the civilian world.

"The 91 Bravos go through three courses and get turned into 91 Whiskeys and the 91 Charlies take two courses and then they're also 91 Whiskeys," said Riedel.

And because right now the combat-lifesaver is also becoming such a critical issue, said Riedel, sometimes these training opportunities pop up with very little notice.

And it's tough, said Riedel.

"We don't do one weekend a month, two weeks a year," said Riedel. *"Ever."* We do three, sometimes four ATs a year just to be able to accomplish a mission. There was one course we set up and got ready to do up at Fort Hunter Liggett, where basically we got a call that certain people were leaving and the call came in that, "We need combat life-savers. Can you

"Ever since I was a kid, I've wanted to save the world. I wanted to be a superhero."

Sgt. Jeff Riedel
Nurse Detachment NCOIC

do it within the next couple of weeks?"

And so you just scramble to put these things together, on basically a volunteer basis, said Riedel.

"It's really rough," said Riedel, explaining, not complaining. "I mean I work at the VA and I get flak for how much time I have to take off."

But that's what I love about it here, said Riedel. That dedication from everyone.

"This is not your typical unit," said Riedel, with obvious pride. "Everybody that's here is here because they want to be. Nobody was assigned to this unit by just going to the Reserve Office."

"So the level of dedication is amazing," said Riedel.

"And with me, the vacuum just sort of sucked me in," said Riedel, explaining his somewhat recent transfer into the unit.

Riedel, a former 96R Ground Surveillance Operator – "battlefield intel" as he puts it – with the 82nd Airborne, in fact, spent four years on active duty, enlisting in 1993 – a time he openly describes as the best of his life having enjoyed three years with the 6th MI in Fort Richardson, Alaska.

There's nothing like parachuting in Alaska, said Riedel.

"Especially with the mountains right behind Fort Rich," said Riedel, the reflecting non-daredevil. "As you jump out of the airplanes, you know, you can see everything as



Photos provided by Sgt. Jeff Riedel

Riedel, an adventurous soul, spent four years with the 82nd Airborne, including three years at Fort Richardson, Alaska with the 6th MI as a 96R Ground Surveillance Operator.

Nurse Det Mission Statement:

By Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson,
Division PAO

Like most Timberwolf units, the 5th Brigade Nurse Detachment out of Pasadena, Calif., is concerned with accomplishing the institutional training mission, recruiting new soldiers and retaining existing soldiers. According to Command Sergeant Major Mike Davenport, "People come to us because they like to teach, and we are here to help them accomplish that goal."

you float down.

"The best part is," said Riedel, "When you land, you don't land hard. You've got snow, so you just land soft."

Riedel, through what must have been some masterful negotiation or untold manipulation, manufactured one of the great unit transfers of all time while with the 313th MI, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, N.C., a year after enlistment.

"I don't know how it got approved," said Riedel, "But when I transferred from Fort Bragg to Fort Richardson – completely across the United States – I put into drive. And the remarkable part about that was that it had me arriving in Alaska on January 5th – like two months later.

"I left in November from Fort Bragg," said Riedel, "And I drove to

Davenport said that the Nurse Detachment coordinates with military hospitals to provide a 30-month program of training that ultimately certifies a new soldier as a 91W instructor. "No other MOS in the Army has training of that duration," he said, "And the Army Reserve also requires a demanding level of civilian licensing before our instructors are qualified to stand at the podium."



California and took leave during Christmas. And then I drove all the way up the coast. All the way up through Canada, up into the Yukon Territory and down into Alaska all in a two-wheel drive pickup truck. All with my stuff in the back. All by myself. Dead of winter."

"It was the best! It really was," said Riedel. "And I just loved it up there.

"As a matter of fact there are times that I think, 'Maybe I should have signed up for a second tour of active duty,' because I really enjoyed being active," said Riedel. "But, you know, how it is, I told myself I was only going to do four years and get out."

It's a fortunate thing for the Nurse Detachment, because while Riedel is quick to espouse how uncomfortable he is with being recognized as someone "special," he's truly vital to the unit's mis-

Photo provided by Sgt. Jeff Riedel

The unit trains at various sites in the Region including the Pasadena site.

Commissioned Officer instructors must be Registered Nurses with a Masters Degree, and NCO instructors must be EMT-qualified with Licensed Practical Nurse certification, he added.

The Nurse Detachment also coordinates 110 hours of transition courses to bring existing 91B and 91C soldiers into the new 91W "Super Medic" MOS, as well. Once again, the Army Reserve requires a higher standard of certification and civilian licensing than active duty, which makes the Nurse Detachment an unparalleled corps of qualified nursing instructors Army-wide.

Uneasy with the recognition, Riedel defers to the general outstanding demeanor of the entire unit.

Photo provided by Sgt. Jeff Riedel

sion. He's a skilled soldier, but first and foremost he's a teacher and leader.

"I like to step up when things need to be done. Not that I'm the only one who does that, but I'm just that type of person," said Riedel.

"You know, if I see somebody else that needs help or like when I saw a soldier drop out of formation back on active duty, I'd be the one who encouraged him to rejoin the formation," said Riedel. "I care, and I don't want to see a soldier fall behind, because that could be me on a bad day.

"And people who give an effort should not be given up on," said Riedel.

And a soldier who falls behind or is not motivated or does not provide the effort, can't necessarily just be labeled "lazy" or whatever, or unmotivated in general, said Riedel.

"You can't just label them," said Riedel. "There's a reason for that.

"And it stems from anything from a tough home life to whatever might be going on that day," said Riedel.

"So you have to take the time," said Riedel, "And give them the chance and find out what it is inside them that they really want and then find a way to bridge that into whatever you were trying to motivate them to do."



The teaching process is also a passion.

"I love to pass on knowledge. I love to teach people," said Riedel. "When I was a Boy Scout, I taught merit badges."

"And I really feel that what we do here is important," said Riedel.

Although when I got here, it was kind of strange with all the deployments, said Riedel.

It was weird and I didn't feel quite right, said Riedel, because the person to the left and right of me in formation was basically off to Iraq and I was still here.

"I mean, that's my job," said Riedel. "And I've got friends that got deployed, but yet I'm becoming an instructor here stateside, and I had a little guilt."

"That was short-lived, though," said Riedel. "Because when I got here I realized that what we do here is we give soldiers the skills needed to save lives over there."

"So we have a huge impact by starting here and sending our people over there with what we've taught them and that's why I like it," said Riedel.

And it's this sincere appreciation for these things that must be part of the Detachment's appreciation for him. The acknowledgments, in fact, flow freely.

"We are very fortunate to have Sgt. Riedel," said Col. Virginia Janovsky, commanding officer of the Nurse Detachment.

And it's because of his multiple strengths and sense of responsibility and commitment and his ability to grasp and communicate concepts, said Janovsky.

And his unique talent for leadership is impressive, said Janovsky.

"When he leads, his accomplishments move the *group* and *unit* forward," said Janovsky. "Rather

than a *single* focus or *individual* accomplishments."

He inspires teamwork, said Janovsky.

And that's exactly what we needed, said Maj. Shelly Burdette-Taylor, assistant site director for the Pasadena site.

"We need somebody who cares and somebody who's smart and somebody who can do logistics and somebody who can mobilize and motivate and things like that," said Burdette-Taylor. "And he was able to do that."

"But I won't give you the dirt," said Burdette-Taylor, "Because there is none."



Photo provided by Sgt. Jeff Riedel

In a tandem jump above, Riedel (bottom), a licensed vocational nurse in the civilian world works at a VA Hospital in Long Beach, Calif., in the Gero-Psych Ward with many Vietnam and even World War II vets.

"When he needs to go do what he needs to do, it's personal and professional and there's no dirt on that," said Burdette-Taylor.

Riedel is seemingly squeaky-clean. Clean-cut and polite, Riedel is nothing but completely forthcoming and professional, although appropriately humble recognizing his unit as one of select and special individuals of which he is only one piece as he considers it.

When I found out I was going to be recognized, I almost said no, said Riedel. I mean, why me?

"These people are basically the same as me," said Riedel.

"They're here because they want to teach," said Riedel. "They want to do the best job they can."

There are other really dynamic soldiers that anyone could have picked."

Tucker, McClendon, Zimmerman, Offerman. The names go on and on as Riedel seemingly prattles off every member of the unit.

"Everybody here's a great story," said Riedel. "I work with so many incredible people and I don't feel that anything that I do is above and beyond what they do. I mean everyone here is dedicated and fired up to do the job."

"And like I said," said Riedel, "Everybody is dedicated to the mission and there's always a

mission to do and we can always rely on each other."

Like everything, the southern California native is quick to deflect attention from himself. And like any superhero it works. The Nurse Detachment is a dynamic and dedicated unit filled with select individuals and likely will not be losing Riedel anytime soon.

"I've always been the type of person to look at a map and say, 'I haven't been there,

but this is how I get there using a map,'" said Riedel.

"But the people that I love are here, and so that's where I'm going to stay," said Riedel.

And I love the unit down here too, said Riedel. I like to be involved with something so important.

"You know it's that same thing, though, that ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be a superhero. I wanted to save lives and save the world," said Riedel, in one final reflection. "And the thing is, if we can teach a skill that could save a life that could save a civilian, a soldier, a child, well that's about as close as you can come, you know."

Yeah, we know....Superhero.

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At WSU, as an Assistant Professor of Military Science with a primary duty as the Recruiting Operations Officer, he is responsible for coordinating all operations that relate to the battalion's commission goal, with emphasis on recruiting efforts. His mission-coordinating responsibilities include an array of sub-duties such as managing the ROTC marketing budget and managing all of the official mission reports.

Busy as he stays, he still focuses on his love of ranching and riding horses. He has toured the spectacularly beautiful Palouse region by horseback, and ridden throughout the Rocky Mountains. He said that his dream upon retiring is to take off for long periods of time for solitary horseback riding, and maybe perform some lengthy four-legged cross-country tours throughout the eastern Washington-western Idaho region, where he lives.

After watching a couple of Blackhawk passenger loads take off, we convoyed by car to Camp Grizzly, in order to be on the ground when Alpha Team arrived by helicopter. This was the moment we had all waited for, and the setting at Camp Grizzly was appropriately rustic and mountainous, giving the place a feeling of remote realism. We could have been awaiting the arrival of Lewis and Clark, but instead of them staggering in, it was going to be a little more hi-tech and faster-paced, though the spirit of adventure was the same.

Once the teams started arriving by Blackhawk in clouds of dust and debris kicked up by the helicopter blades, their competition began and they double-timed to their first test station, which was the Rope Bridge River Crossing. This exercise in teamwork and ingenuity consists of a team member crossing the shallow river with a rope-end, and then securing the rope to a tree on the opposite bank. Once it is secured, the remaining team members on the near side of the river manage to secure and tighten their end until the rope is taut and, hopefully, at a reasonable height above the river. Then, the various team members attach themselves to seat slings, hook themselves to the rope and, hand-over-hand, make their way across the rope and the river to the other side. The one remaining team member on the near side then recovers the rope, removes the knots for the next team, and then dashes across the river and joins the team.

When Alpha Team's turn came up, they performed as a spirited, cohesive group. However, as the rope was not secured high enough on the near tree, Cadet Colin Thorne, the first team member across, took a real dunking in the river. But he managed to grasp his way across the rope with heroic hand and arm strength alone, and he reached the other side. Though he looked like a drowned rat, the team accomplished their goal (only one team member was required to cross) and the rest of the team handily scampered across some convenient rocks and moved on to their next test station.

Wright, though, was left on the



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO
Cadet Nick Winters ferries lead rope to west bank for rope bridge erection.

near side with the difficult task of removing all the knots from the wet ropes, and then securing some left-behind equipment. Ignoring the convenient rock crossing, his final dash across the river to join his teammates was a spectacular series of splashes as he hurried to join up with the rest of the team.

And now I have to come to that bittersweet surprise ending that I mentioned earlier in this story. For the sad truth is that after all this preparation and struggle, no team completed the Ranger Challenge. The entire event was cancelled shortly after Alpha Team completed their rope bridge crossing.

Because of a flaw in the recon and planning process, and because the Blackhawk sorties arrived later than scheduled, it was determined that cadet team members would be out on the course after dark, and this would have been a serious safety issue. The unseasonably high temperatures were also a worry, and so the event was indexed for safety reasons, much to the bitter disappointment of the cadet team members.

According to Isenberg, the event was called off because "Safety is the key, and the time from start to finish was based on a wrong model for this group. At 1430 the first teams to start should have



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Alpha team scrambles to move out after Blackhawk drop-off at landing zone.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Sunlight breaks through forest ceiling as Alpha team assembles for critical river ford recon at station one.

been back to the end point, but they were in fact no less than 3 hours out from the finish line. We did not want any Cadets getting lost in the dark, and we had several who were in danger of being heat casualties. The bottom line is safety, and this was a bridge too far," he said.

Wright said that "by no means am I down and out about this weekend, and I am not letting others get upset about it either. I keep saying that it turned out to be a good learning experience for all of us. More importantly, it is a good example to these cadets about the importance of planning."

But, as I said earlier, the real story here is not how Ranger Challenge ended, but how these hard-working and adventurous ROTC cadets made sacrifices of time and personal resources to compete in this event. To observe each and every one of these hard-driving student-soldiers is a lesson in the fortitude of youth and well-placed ambition. These are smart and focused young people, confident in their skills and the mastery of

knowledge learned in their university courses and the demanding ROTC programs they pursue.

But these were also disappointed soldiers. They had planned and worked for this competition for months, and now, after all the anticipation and preparation, it was cancelled. But maybe the real accomplishment here is not whether Alpha Team would have placed first or second or last in the Challenge. Maybe their real challenge lies in the days to come, when it will be more important to turn their disappointment into a positive learning experience, and a lesson for future competitions. And Major Bob Isenberg can rest content that he mentored and inspired these cadets well, so that they can weather disappointment just as well as the successes they look forward to.

Soon these cadets will be commissioned officers, and they will move on to new assignments, many in the Timberwolf Division, and they will be tempered by having conquered demanding college

academics and demanding ROTC programs. While still in school, many will prepare for and participate in future Ranger Challenges, but for some, like Wright, this will be the last one before he graduates, and so it will be up to him how he deals ultimately with the challenge of disappointment and turns that into a strength.

And Bob Isenberg, after he retires, will be riding his horse through the Palouse country, satisfied that he served the future well as a mentor, instructor, soldier and officer, and that every young cadet who learned from him will remember him fondly and forever, but certainly at least for the duration of their careers. I am thinking even now, as I write this story, how lucky are the ROTC cadets at WSU and the soldiers of the 104th Division (IT) to serve alongside such a genuine and down-to-earth officer like Bob Isenberg. We can only hope that someday after he retires, perhaps one of his newly-commissioned lieutenants will be able to fill his shoes. But they will be big shoes to fill.

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exterior still looks vintage because it has an historical status.

He entered active duty with the Army in 1985 as a carpenter/mason (51B), and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood and had several deployments to Honduras. After completing his active enlistment, he joined the National Guard, during which he completed his college degree in Agricultural Engineering at North Dakota State University in 1994.

It was during this time, in November 1989, that he was involved in a disastrous head-on collision with a semi truck while traveling home for Thanksgiving. "The truck came across the center line," said Meyer, "and the resulting crash broke my femur, crushed my pelvis, cracked some vertebrae, and caused me to have a 12-foot intestinal resection. I had a stroke and was comatose for a week, then my left side was paralyzed from the chest down."

He said that he dropped from 225 to 135 pounds and was in a leg brace for over two years and had to learn how to walk all over again so he could eventually perform the army's required two-mile run.

Despite the obstacle of overcoming this life-threatening misfortune, Meyer decided after college that he would hike the entire 2200-

mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, and he did so with Rita over a six-month period in 1996.

He said that along the way during the hike, they met some Army Rangers who said that walking the Appalachian Trail was harder than Ranger Training. "They were really hurting," he said.

Eventually, after some false starts in other jobs, he established in 1997 his own incorporated company as an Agricultural Consulting Engineer. His business, Meyer Engineering Company, provides much-needed professional engineering consultation to farmers in northern Minnesota, covering an area from the borders of the Dakotas and Wisconsin up to the Canadian border.

"Only a handful of us do this work," said Meyer, "and an example of what we do is to professionally certify every manure storage structure that goes up in this region, among other things." He creates detailed computer-drawn site plans for every project he certifies, and the plans must take into consideration everything from local topography and water drainage to several layers of governmental environmental regulations that will affect the whole project's feasibility.

Concurrent to starting his own business in 1997, Meyer began to enlarge and improve his own farm by purchasing some



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Tomlinson, Division PAO

Meyer's farm lies outside Meier Grove, Minn., famous for its cold winters.

adjacent hog barns from his father about a half-mile from his own property. He feeds and cares for about 3000 hogs per year, which are eventually sold and processed out to meat-processing centers elsewhere in Minnesota. Every 15 weeks he receives a new shipment of pigs, and he must first clean and disinfect his hog barns before taking in the new pigs.

On the side, Meyer also subscribes to multiple specialized magazines and belongs to organizations that promote the return of natural, sustainable methods of farming. This disappearing type of farming involves practices that agronomically, environmentally and financially sustain the practice of managing land for future generations. He has recently become interested in draft horse farming and he gives informational tours of his property to local students.

Meyer must maintain all these interests and perform all these duties while still deploying on a regular basis to Camp Grafton for his army engineering courses. Sometimes the timing is difficult, but he manages to stay on top of all of it by being organized and energetic, and he has Rita to help in managing the farm while he is away on army business.

So, as Wolfprint readers will quickly realize, the 1041st Engineering Detachment's Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Meyer proves that the Timberwolf soldier is a person of multiple talents and abilities, able to accomplish more than the average civilian or active duty soldier could ever imagine in a single lifetime.



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Owner of two Belgian Draft Horses, Meyer uses the workhorse brutes to teach alternative and sustainable farming techniques to future generations.

Timberwolves – Nightfighters!



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On September 7, 1944, the 104th Infantry Division landed in Cherbourg, France as the first combat unit to land directly in Europe following the Normandy invasion.

By October, the Division had already taken up positions in Holland for what was to become what some consider a sort of untouched combat assault record encompassing some 195 consecutive days of continuous combat.

Relentlessly slugging their way through Holland and into Germany, the Northwest soldiers – activated at Camp Adair, Oregon in August of 1942 – ferociously attained a lethal reputation for an unflinching and ceaseless barrage of savage night attacks that terrified the enemy as the young Timberwolf Division participated in some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

A German radio broadcast in December of 1944 called the Timberwolves' push across the Inde River in Germany "the most terrible and ferocious battle in the history of all wars."

Almost a year earlier, Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, had assumed command determined to transform the Division into an ironfisted night-attacking machine.

In maneuvers in the Eastern Oregon desert and Central Oregon mountains, and several other western states, the Timberwolves metamorph-

phosed into a hardened and disciplined specially trained new unit.

Training included simulated night attacks in the rain and mud. Manufactured night sounds that the Timberwolves learned to identify as enemy positions. War games with blank rounds, and even 25-mile marches in the dead of night.

"Night attack, night attack, night attack," said Allen, molding his boys.

Allen, convinced that night attacks inflicted maximum damage to the enemy while also reducing unit casualties, relentlessly trained the Division in the art of attacking and overrunning by night and mopping up leftover resistance by day. The Division when finally deployed a year later very quickly gained repute as a unit that unleashed frighteningly lightning-quick maneuvers with bold attacks by night.

From Holland, the 104th slugged it out from dike to dike against a brutal enemy who quickly gained a special resentment for the wolfish 104th. One captured German officer went so far as to call the relentless night attacks "unfair." The enemy hated the night fighting, but the Timberwolves knew that under cover of darkness, a highly trained unit could quickly infiltrate a German city and effectively eliminate the enemy before they could even realize what was going on.

"Battles were town by town and river by river," said Harold Kennedy, a Timberwolf soldier in the war.

And "the Germans, they liked to

rest at night," said Edward Shoemaker, another Timberwolf in the fight. "We surprised them so many times."

And from the Battle of the Dikes in Holland to the drive to Germany, through the Siegfried line, across the Inde into Cologne, the Battle of the Bulge and the encirclement of the Ruhr pocket, and finally to the final 350-mile sweep to the Mulde River in the heart of Germany, the Timberwolves made tracks like no other unit.

Really the only combat unit specifically trained and shaped into soldiers designed to attack at night, the 104th Infantry Division became known for their unequaled fighting style and was recognized not just as any of the many great combat units of World War II, but as one that stood uniquely alone with the select few who in addition to saving the world, did so in amazing fashion and unusual fete. Night attacks. 195 days of continuous combat. Six months, 18 days.

A famous war correspondent once remarked that in all his exhausting travels through war torn Europe, he "had probably seen enough unusual signs representing units' command post, fire direction centers, main supply routes and airstrips to compile a history of the war using a collection of just such signposts." He also made note of the fact that while many of these direction finders were cryptically unimaginative, no matter where he went in the First Army zone of Advance, "one sign always stood out from all the rest – 'TIMBERWOLF UP!'"



An email from a Timberwolf in Iraq, Tuesday September 23, 2003 to headquarters company, Vancouver Barracks, Wash.

SGM Hanna,

I am supposed to be leaving Iraq in November and be home in December.

Last Saturday my guys were hit with a mortar attack. One landed right beside the tents we were working in. Two guys were killed - one from the signal guys and one of ours. Several others were wounded. I am fine, but I was hit in the chest with a fragment. SSG Mark Day from 8th Bde is also an interrogator here, and he also had minor wounds to the lip and neck.

SSG Jeffrey Day (far right above)